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FUTURE OF SEVERAL MAJOR PROJECTS IN ENERGY SECTOR AS WELL AS ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED LIBERAL EXPORT OF TUNISIAN CRUDE WILL DEPEND ON IMMINENT DECISIONS RE DEVELOPMENT OF MISKAR GAS FIELD AND/OR TUNISIAN PARTICIPATION IN ALGERIAN/ITALIAN GAS PIPELINE. IF EITHER GAS PROJECT REALIZED, DOMESTIC NEED FOR CRUDE AND REFINED PRODUCTS WILL BE REDUCED. ACCORDING 5TH PLAN, MISKAR FIELD HAS RESERVES OF 50 TO 80 BILLION M3 AND IF DEVELOPED COULD BE PRODUCING UP TO 1.5 BILLION M3 ANNUALLY BY 1982. TUNISIAN TAKE FROM A/I PIPELINE WOULD BE ROUGHLY OF SIMILAR MAGNITUDE. IF GAS NOT AVAILABLE, 5TH PLAN PROJECTS CRUDE EXPORTS RISING TO 5.1 MILLION TONS (MT) IN 1979, THEN FALLING TO 1.6 MT IN 1981 UPON ACTIVATION OF ADDITIONAL REFINING CAPACITY. IN INTERIM, IMPORTS OF REFINED PRODUCTS WOULD INCREASE TO 1.2 MT BY 1979. OPTIONS ARE STILL OPEN ON A/I PIPELINE, MISKAR AND ADDITIONALLY REFINERY CAPACITY - THUS CREATING UNCERTAINTY ON UNCLASSIFIED

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OVERALL ENERGY UTILIZATION SCHEME. BASIC PREFERENCE IS TO SUBSTITUTE GAS FOR PETROLEUM WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO FREE MAXIMUM AMOUNT CRUDE FOR EXPORT. SENDING DETAILED EXCERPT FROM 5TH PLAN, ALONG WITH RECENT ECONOMIC TRENDS REPORT, BY MAIL.

RE CHAABOUNI, FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF API, HE IS ENGAGED IN SUCCESSFUL PRIVATE CONSULTING VENTURE FOR COMPANIES INTERESTED

IN INVESTMENT IN TUNISIA.HE NUMBERS SEVERAL U.S. COMPANIES
(STANDARD BRANDS, LEVI STRAUSS). IMPORTANT ARABIAN PENIN-

SULA INTERESTS AMONG HIS CLIENTS. CHAABOUNI IS WELL INTRO-
DUCED AND LONG-TIME COLLEAGUE OF API PRESIDENT TIJANI CHELLI.
LITTLE, IF ANY, EXPERIENCE IN PETROLEUM INDUSTRY, BUT INTELLI-
GENT AND QUICK TO GRASP NEW SUBJECTS. VERY LITTLE ENGLISH.
REGARDS, MONTGOMERY.
MULCAHY

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